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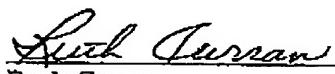
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**(54) Title: CIRCULAR METHOD FOR PICKLING COPPER AND COPPER ALLOYS**

**(57) Abstract**

The invention relates to a circular method for pickling copper and copper alloys. So far it has not been possible to pickle copper and copper alloys of different compositions with one pickling solution having the same basic composition. According to the inventive method, a sulfuric ferric sulfite solution with or without peroxodisulfate is used to pickle copper or copper alloys. This spent pickling solution is regenerated in one or more regeneration electrolytic cells which are partitioned by ion exchange membranes or porous diaphragms. The dissolved copper is cathodically deposited and the ferric surface is anodically reduced, whereby optionally peroxodisulfate is formed. The regenerated pickling solution enriched with oxidizing agent is fed again to the pickling solution to adjust a predetermined redox potential, and for activating the surface before a surface treatment by electroplating is carried out.

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## TITLE OF INVENTION

**CIRCULAR METHOD FOR PICKLING COPPER AND COPPER ALLOYS**

## APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

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2.  This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3.  This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.
4.  The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5.  A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(e)(2))
  - a.  is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b.  has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c.  is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6.  An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(e)(2))
  - a.  is attached hereto.
  - b.  has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7.  Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(e)(3))
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8.  An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(e)(3)).
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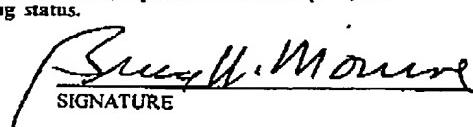
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  - U.S. Basic National Fee.
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  - Oath or Declaration of inventor(s).
  - Copy of Article 19 amendments.
  - Priority Document.
  - The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.
  - Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report into English.
  - Indication of Small Entity Status.
  - Translation of the international application into English.
  - Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.
  - Other:
2.  Applicant has requested early processing under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) but has not filed the following indicated items and/or the indicated items in paragraph 3 below. The Basic National Fee and the copy of the international application must be filed prior to 20 or 30 months from the priority date to avoid abandonment.
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3. The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:
  - a. Translation of the application into English. A processing fee will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.
  - The current translation is defective for the reasons indicated on the attached Notice of Defective Translation.
  - b. Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).
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  - The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) for the reasons indicated on the attached PCT/DO/EO/917.
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4. Additional claim fees of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as a  large entity  small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due (37 CFR 1.492(g)). See attached PTO-875.
5.  Applicant has not submitted the required sequence listing pursuant to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. See attached PCT/DO/EO/920.

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This application fails to contain an oath or declaration acceptable under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4) for entry into the national stage in the United States of America. The period within which to correct the deficiency noted below and avoid abandonment is set in the accompanying Notification.

A new oath or declaration, properly identifying this application (preferably by the international application number and international filing date) is required. The oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a),(b) and (f) in that it:

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